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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM CHRISTOPHER

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TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS)

SUBJECT: EVENING READING

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF TUESDAY'S EVENING READING:

1. LAGOS CONFERENCE. THE SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR ISSUE
CAME UP FREQUENTLY DURING THE PLENARY SESSION TODAY.
SHAWN MCBRIDE, IRELAND'S MAVERICK DELEGATE, MADE A SPEECH
THIS MORNING IN WHICH HE ASSERTED THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN
GOVERNMENT HAD ALREADY EXPLODED A NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICE.
SPEECHES BY AFRICAN DELEGATES REFERRED TO WESTERN COOPERA-
TION WITH SOUTH AFRICA IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD.

THE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE WILL ADDRESS THE CONFERENCE
TOMORROW. ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO SPEAK TODAY, ANDY
ASKED FOR A DELAY UNTIL THURSDAY TO BE ABLE TO COMMENT ON
AND RESPOND TO THE SPEECHES OF OTHER DELEGATES.

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2. LAW OF THE SEA. ELLIOT RICHARDSON HAS INFORMED US
THAT HE WOULD BE WILLING TO CONTINUE TO SERVE AS PRINCIPAL
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE AT THE NEXT SESSION OF THE LAW OF THE
SEA CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 1978 AND TO HANDLE
ADVANCE PREPARATIONS -- IF YOU WISH TO HAVE HIM DO SO. CY
AND I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE RICHARDSON CONTINUE IN

THESE DIFFICULT AND COMPLEX TALKS, AT LEAST THROUGH THE NEXT SESSION WHICH MAY LAST TWO MONTHS. IF IT IS AGREE-
ABLE WITH YOU, WE WILL TELL HIM THAT YOU SHARE OUR DESIRE
THAT HE CONTINUE THROUGH THE NEXT SESSION OF THE CON-
FERENCE. NO RESUBMISSION TO THE SENATE WOULD BE REQUIRED.

3. KOREAN MILITARY COMPENSATION PACKAGE. WE AND DEFENSE
HAVE BEEN LOOKING CAREFULLY INTO HOW TO HANDLE THE KOREAN
MILITARY COMPENSATION PACKAGE WITH THE CONGRESS. WE BE-
LIEVE THAT WE SHOULD REQUEST SPECIAL LEGISLATION AUTHORIZ-
ING THE NO COST TRANSFER TO SOUTH KOREA OF EQUIPMENT FROM
THE U.S. GROUND FORCES WHICH ARE TO BE WITHDRAWN. WE
PLAN TO CONSULT WITH KEY LEGISLATIVE STAFF NEXT WEEK ON
THE PROSPECTS FOR SUCH A BILL. WE DO NOT PLAN TO ASK THE
CONGRESS TO APPROVE ADDITIONAL FMS SALES CREDITS OUTSIDE
THE REGULAR BUDGET CYCLE.

4. REPATRIATION OF U.S. CITIZENS FROM CUBA. IT NOW
APPEARS THAT THE FIRST PLANE LOAD OF U.S. CITIZEN RE-
PATRIATES AND THEIR FAMILIES WILL NOT BE READY TO LEAVE
CUBA BEFORE NEXT WEEK. WE HAD HOPED TO BRING BACK THE
FIRST PLANE LOAD THIS THURSDAY, BUT THE SWISS EMBASSY
REPORTS THAT MANY OF THE CITIZENS INTERVIEWED SO FAR MAY
DECIDE TO REMAIN IN CUBA. OTHERS ARE DIFFICULT TO REACH,
DO NOT HAVE PROPER DOCUMENTATION, OR ARE TAKING EXTRA
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TIME TO SETTLE THEIR PERSONAL AFFAIRS.

5. TODMAN TRIP. TERRY TODMAN'S TRIP TO ARGENTINA, CHILE,
PARAGUAY, AND URUGUAY HAD A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT IN ALL FOUR
COUNTRIES. MUCH OF THE INTEREST CENTERED ON HUMAN RIGHTS,
AND HIS MEETINGS WITH GOVERNMENT LEADERS WERE TAKEN AS A
SIGN THAT OUR POLICIES ARE SERIOUS AND NON-DISCRIMINATORY.
HE MET FREELY WITH OPPOSITION GROUPS WHO VIEWED THE VISIT
AS A MANIFESTATION OF CONCERN AND A CAUSE FOR HOPE.

ALTHOUGH WE SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO TAKE PUBLIC CREDIT FOR
CONCESSIONS, OUR CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS HAS STIRRED
DOMESTIC FORCES AND CREATED INTERNAL PRESSURES FOR CHANGE
IN LATIN AMERICA. ABUSES CONTINUE AND THE ADMINISTRATION
OF JUSTICE REMAINS QUITE WEAK EVERYWHERE, BUT THE DIREC-
TION OF CHANGE IS NOW GENERALLY POSITIVE THROUGHOUT THE
SOUTHERN CONE. OUR CHALLENGE IN THE MONTHS AHEAD WILL
BE TO DEMONSTRATE OUR SUPPORT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN WAYS
THAT WILL ENCOURAGE FURTHER POSITIVE EVOLUTION. CHRISTOPHER

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